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SUBJECT: CHILE SEES LATIN CANDIDATE FOR ICAO DG

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General Rosende of the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGAC) told Econoff on June 1 that the Chileans do not have specific candidates to recommend to succeed the Council President and Secretary General positions of the ICAO (per reftel). Rosende expects that the candidate will likely be from Latin America, perhaps Mexico or Brazil. He also commented that the candidate would need to be knowledgeable about ICAO and not just a political appointee.

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